

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Provided is an apparatus for storing, playing and downloading audio/video tracks, the apparatus including: (a) means for connecting to a communications
5 network; (b) means for receiving, over the communications network, availability information identifying audio/video tracks that are available for purchase; (c) means for displaying such availability information; (d) means for inputting a user selection of an audio/video track from such availability information, so as to obtain a selected audio/video track; (e) means for downloading the selected audio/video track over the
10 communications network; (f) means for storing the selected audio/video track downloaded by means (e); (g) means for reading the selected audio/video track from means (f); (h) means for playing the selected audio/video track read by means (g) so as to generate an audio/video signal; and (i) means for providing the audio/video signal generated by means (h) to a home stereo system.